

# SSI...

## Do You Need Help Paying for



## Your Child's Special Needs?

1. Supplemental Security Income, also known as SSI, helps children with special needs to get benefits:
  - Monthly payments that are based on the family income
  - Eligibility depends upon financial needs and functional abilities
  - Often qualifies children for Medicaid
  
2. Some important things to remember about SSI:
  - Your child's eligibility will be evaluated on a regular basis- if your child's needs or your income changes then your payments may stop
  - The check you receive is to be used for your child's medical expenses and other special care needs
  - Don't use your child's SSI check to pay for your home, food, or other family expenses- you may end up not being able to pay for these essentials when your SSI stops
  
3. Applying for SSI involves many steps- if you are interested, you can get more information by calling **1-800-772-1213**.



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